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NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES October 28, 2015

A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy was held at 124 Halsey Street Newark, New Jersey, in the Sussex Conference Room, 6th Floor, on Wednesday October 28, 2015. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian, Chairperson of the Board called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M. and a roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

CYNTHIA SINICROPI-PHILIBOSIAN	Present
LORI KEITH	Present
DAVID BANK	Present
BRUCE A. SPICER	Present

Also present were: Nancy Costello-Miller, Deputy Attorney General; Laura L. Anderson, Executive Director; Gerard Tobia, Administrative Staff; Michela Ross, Government Rep.

OPENING STATEMENT "Reading of the Sunshine Law" **A QUORUM WAS DECLARED PRESENT:**

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing on September 24, 2014. A schedule of all 2015 Regular Open Meetings of the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy to be held during 2015 was provided to the Office of the Secretary of State, Star Ledger, Trenton-Times, The New York Times, Camden Courier Post, The Press of Atlantic City and The Philadelphia Inquirer. The schedule has also been posted on the website.

I. APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

A. September 23, 2015

Upon a motion made by Bruce Spicer and seconded by David Bank, the Board voted to approve the September 23, 2015 Public Session Minutes as presented.
A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

II. 2016 MEETINGS SCHEDULE - Somerset Conference Room

January 27, 2016
February 24, 2016
March 23, 2016
April 27, 2016
May 25, 2016
June 22, 2016
July 27, 2016
August 24, 2016
September 28, 2016
October 26, 2016
December 7, 2016

A motion was made by Lori Keith and seconded by David Bank, to approve the 2016 Board meetings schedule as presented. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB)
2015 Annual Meeting (New Mexico)
Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian - Board Chairperson Report

Chairperson Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian, presented a report regarding the FSMTB annual meeting she attended, which was held on October 8-10, 2015 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

2. In Touch with FSMTB September 2015

The Board considered this as informational material.

3. 2015 FSMTB Elections

The Board considered this as informational material.

4. 2015 Annual Meeting Recap

The Board considered this as informational material.

IV. BOARD DISCUSSION

RE: Licensure Requirements

The Board discussed the requirements for licensure by education, specifically transcripts, to insure that applicants for initial licensure to practice massage therapy in New Jersey, and who, received their education in another state are in compliance with the Board's current regulations.

V. INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL

1. Fatima R. Lopes; Applicant ID# 1900004
Consent Order Granting Licensure filed August 27, 2015

The Board considered this as informational material.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:50 P.M. Upon a motion made by David Bank and seconded by Bruce Spicer, the Board voted to move into Executive Session to consider and review consumer complaints, investigative reports and other information received pursuant to the Boards' regulations. The result of these deliberations will be made known when and if the Board determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement action. If the Board determines to issue any sanction, action will be taken in public session immediately after the Executive Session. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The Board returned to Public Session and a motion was made by David Bank and seconded by Lori Keith, to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 P.M.

A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Anderson,
Executive Director